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## **Sen. Laura Toy supplies coloring books to area fourth graders in celebration of Michigan Week**

**LANSING** – More than 2,700 students across the 6th Senate District received “Getting to Know Michigan” coloring books in celebration of Michigan Week 2006, said state Sen. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia.

“This is a fun way for students to learn more about their home,” Sen. Toy said. “These coloring books are filled with great information and fun facts about the history and symbols of our great state.”

A total of 45 schools in Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland participated in the program.

The theme for Michigan Week 2006, which was May 20 through May 26, was “Great Lakes, Great Traditions: The Magic of Michigan.”

“From Henry Ford to the Mackinac Bridge to our Great Lakes, Michigan has so much to be proud of,” Sen. Toy said. “I’m always looking for opportunities to share these kinds of positive things with kids and to get them excited about where they live.”

Started in 1954, Michigan Week has become an annual tradition that promotes pride among residents and celebrates the rich heritage and unique features that make Michigan special.

Toy offers the special “Getting to Know Michigan” coloring books each year during Michigan Week as a resource for teachers and students who often learn about our state in their fourth grade social studies classes.

Any resident of the 6th Senate District who would like to obtain a copy can contact Toy’s office at (517) 373-1707. Also available is “Portraits of Michigan: History and Facts on Michigan,” which is geared toward older students and adults.

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